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kurose with momotsuki boy meets girl stories

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kurihara with momotsuki bay meets girl stories

C H A R A C T E R



MIZLIYAMA NORIKA

HIGH SCHOOL
SECOND-YEAR.
SHE'S BEEN FRIENDS
WITH YUKI SINCE
MIDDLE SCHOOL,
AND PLAYS
THE PIANO.
HAS A SHARP TONGUE.



KURIHARA YUKI

HIGH SCHOOL
SECOND-YEAR.
SHE FELL FOR MOMO-KUN
AT FIRST GLANCE,
AND AFTER SHE CONFERRED
TO HIM, THEY STARTED
GOING OUT. AN OLDER
FLOUNCY GIRL WHO LIKES
MOMO-KUN TOO MUCH.
SHE'S IN THE HONORS
CLASS, SO HER
GRADES ARE EXCELLENT.



USAMI IKUE

HIGH SCHOOL
FIRST-YEAR. SAKAKI'S
FRIEND. LAID-BACK
PERSONALITY.



SAKAKI RIO

HIGH SCHOOL
FIRST-YEAR.
BECAUSE OF HER
ANDROGYNOUS LOOKS,
SHE'S ONE OF
THOSE GIRLS WHO
OTHER GIRLS CRUSH ON.
TALENTED AT BOTH
ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS.
LOVES CUTE THINGS.



SAWAGUCHI RIHITO

HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR.
MOMO'S FRIEND.
HAS A BIT OF
A NAUGHTY MOUTH.
HIS FAMILY
OWNS A CLINIC.



MOMOTSUKI SHINYA

HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR.
A LITTLE SMALL FOR A
BOY. BOTH OF HIS PARENTS
WORK, SO HE'S PRETTY
GOOD AT HOUSEWORK.
GRAPES COULD BE BETTER.



SHIZUKA SHOUTA

HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR.
MOMO'S FRIEND.
HE CAN BE
A LITTLE SPACEY.
YUZUKI'S COUSIN.



SHIMADA YUZUKI

HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR.
SAKAKI'S FRIEND.
CHILDHOOD FRIENDS
WITH MOMO, SHIZUKA
AND RIHITO. CALLS
HERSELF "YULU-CHAN."



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WHAT ARE YOU SHOWING SO MUCH SKIN? ARE YOU TRYING TO RUN UP IN?

YOU KNOW...

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU AND I WOULD HAVE GOOD FRIENDS

YAY!

OH, THE OTHER HAND YUK!

but you were there when I thought I'd

EHHH?!

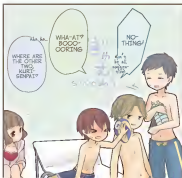
THAT'S THE PART THAT WORRIES ME?

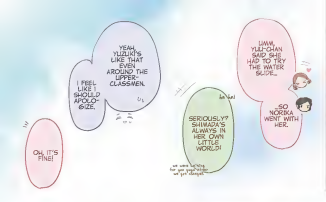
I wish I were slender like you are...

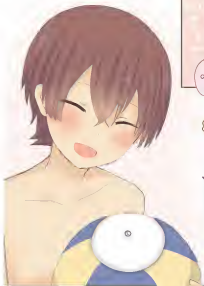
DID I GAIN WEIGHT?

O'OH, I KNEW IT...

I SMACKED A LOT BECAUSE I'VE BEEN SPENDING SO MUCH TIME AT HOME...











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h
...







THIS
IS...

TH...



going back
and forth

a ball with
magical
breath in it

IS THIS
TOR-
TURE...

...OR A
REWARD?!

BOUNCING THOUGHTS







TAKES
THE
BUS

OH

WOWO, YOU
BETTER WALK
SUR-SENPAI
TO HER BUS
STOP!

RIGHT.

DON'T SAY
THAT IN
FRONT OF
HER!

I
guess
he's
helping
too
forward!

NO
GET
HER
THINK!

HEY!

MAKE SURE
YOU TAKE
THIS OPPOR-
TUNITY TO
HOLD HER
HAND OR
SOME-
THING.

?!
!

I'M ALL
SANITIZED,
SO YOU
CAN GRAB
MY HAND,
NO WORRIES!

→
SANITIZER

...!

!



KURIHARA-SAN.



...HAVE TO DO THAT.

I'LL HOLD YOUR HAND ANYTIME





I DO?

YOU DO!

AND WHEN HE'S EMBARRASSED...

HE HIDES HIS FACE LIKE RIGHT NOW!



OH MOMO KUN

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE?

HE-HUH?



BUT AT TIMES LIKE THIS, SHE LOOKS AT ME WITH SUCH A MATURE GAZE...



SHE'S ONLY ONE YEAR OLDER THAN ME

OH... THERE'S MY BUS.

thanks for waiting with me, momo-kun!

I HATE FEELING
SO LAME.

WAIT.

K...

KURI-
HARA-
SAN!





...DON'T WANT THAT!

▶ STORYBOARDS
& FINAL PAGES

▶ NORMALLY I DRAW THE MANGA
AS A VERTICAL STRIP.



EP30: SPINNING SWINGS



THIS IS BIG.

...IS
LEADING
ME BY THE
HAND--
AND IT
WAS HIS
OWN IDEA!



SO BIG/
MY SAY
MOMO-
KUN!

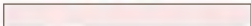
LIKE...

REALLY...
COOL.

KURI-
HARA-
SAN.

IT'S
LIKE...







THIS IS
KINDA
EMBARRASS-
ING...

UH



WAITING...

...DON'T



SHE
CALLED ME
CUTE
AGAIN

ERM...

YOU'RE SO
CUTE, BUT
YOUR HANDS
ARE STILL
FIRMER THAN
MINE...



YOU
KNOW...

YOUR HANDS
ARE SO NICE

??

IT'S
CMB...

SO
MANY??









whap

KURI-
HARA-
SAN!

MEMO-KUN
IS CUTE...



SO CUTE...

dizzy

CARE-
FUL!



I'M
DIZZY...

...RIGHT?

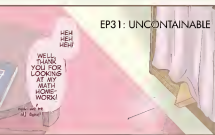


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ARE
YOU
OKAY?

THAT'S
WHAT I
LIKE ABOUT
HIM.





EP31: UNCONTAINABLE



OH,
THAT'S...

WHAT'S
THIS
BOX?

MOMO-KUN
WAS GOING
TO EAT IT
FOR BREAK-
FAST
BEFORE
GOING TO
SCHOOL...

BOY, I'M
HUNGRY.
HERE, THIS
COMES IN
PACKS OF
TWO. YOU
CAN HAVE
HALF.

BUT HE
ENDED UP
FORGETTING
ABOUT IT,
AND ON THE
WAY HOME...

...AND THEN
HE GAVE ME
ONE OF
HIS MAPLE
CALORIE
MATE
BLOCKS.

IT'S
FOOD.

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?!
DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT THIS
CALORIE
MATE
BLOCK
IS?!

EAT
IT?!

WHAT
THE
HECK...?

AND
YOU
DIDN'T
EAT IT?



EXPIRATION
DATES...



HEY, YUKI
DIDN'T
MOMO-KUN
GIVE YOU...

THAT
REMINDS ME...
SHE...



I CAN STILL FEEL
MOMO-KUN'S
WARMTH WHEN
I HOLD IT
LIKE THIS...

NO,
YOU
CAN'T.

THE
EXPIRATION
DATE IS WAY
OFF, LIKE IN
MARCH OF
NEXT YEAR...

SO,
WANT
TO LIVE?



WE JUST
HAD
COOKING
CLASS.

I MADE SOME
CLIPCAKES.
WANT THEM?



KURI-
KARA-
SAN,

YEAH.

WE MADE
A BUNCH,
AND I
CAN'T
FINISH
THEM ALL.

there's no
one at home
to eat
them, either

THANK GOD
HOME IS
MANDATORY
FOR GIRLS
AND BOYS!

I CAN
HAVE
THEM!

ARE YOU
SURE?

K-KAY.

THANK YOU!
I'LL CHERISH
THEM! I'LL
CHERISH
THEM FOR-
EVER!

doom

WAIT A
SEC.

THE SHELF
THAT
CALORIE-MATE
BOX WAS
STICKING OUT
FROM...
WHY IS THERE A
CURTAIN
OVER IT?

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU.

RE-
MEM-
BER.

HOW
YOU TOLD
ME ABOUT
THAT?

you were
born (that
way)

YOU'RE
KEEPING
ME

I PUT
THEM IN A
BAGGY
IN THE
FREDER.

IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL, YOU KNOW?

IT'S JUST A PLACE TO STORE AND DISPLAY THE STUFF I'VE BEEN COLLECTING, LIKE MO-MO-KUN'S USED GOODS AND EMPTY PLASTIC BOTTLES... AND GRAVEL THAT ENDED UP IN MO-MO-KUN'S SHOES AND SO ON.

WAIT, DID YOU JUST SAY "PI-PLAY"?



FAST!



CENSORED







SO,
WHAT
HAPPENED?

N.

IT'S JUST...

BUT L

ACTUALLY...

NOTHING
REALLY.

LATELY
IT'S LIKE...

I DON'T
EVEN
KNOW??!

YEAH,
THAT'S
NOT JUST
"LATELY."

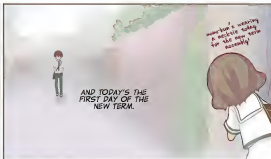
I LIKE
WOWE-
RUN SO
WASH
TENT I
THINK I
MIGHT
HAVE
GONE
GAWN!







SUMMER VACATION
DREW TO A CLOSE...



EP32: NORMAL FOR KURIHARA-SAN



THAT WAS...

BECAUSE
MOMO-RUN...

SEEMED LIKE
YOU GOT
SUPER BUSY
IN THE
SECOND HALF
OF VACATION.

WAS
EVERY-
THING
OKAY?

AHE

WHAT DO
I DO?

SEEING
HIM
TODAY...

IT HAD
BEEN
SOOOO
LONG...
MAYBE
THAT'S
WHY I

blush
? !
O OH

F-

FAMILY
SHTUFF!

"SHTUFF"...

OH,
OKAY...

OHMY





hello!

HI!

HEE~

O-OH, NO,
IT'S, YES!

H HEY,
KURIHARA-SAN,
SORRY FOR
CALLING OUT
OF THE BLUE



!!

~~~~~

HE'S  
CALLING  
ME?!



OH  
YEAH  
UH

SORRY, I  
DIDN'T  
ACTUALLY  
HAVE A  
REASON TO  
CALL

DID YOU MAKE  
IT HOME  
ALREADY? YOU  
CAN TALK,  
RIGHT?

IT'S  
PERFECT-  
LY FINE!

CUT-  
TING  
IN.



!!!

YUP  
THAT'S FINE

chuckle

UW...?

HE  
LAUGHED  
AT ME...



KURIHARA  
SPEAK-  
ING!



HE NOTICED!

WAS EVERY-  
THING OKAY  
AT HOME  
OVER  
VACATION?

..AH.

OH, BECAUSE I  
SAID I WAS  
BUSY BECAUSE  
OF FAMILY  
STUFF..



GREAT

YOU JUST  
SEEMED A  
LITTLE OFF  
TODAY.

I JUST  
WANTED TO  
CHECK IN ON  
YOU

MOMO-KUN..



YEAH,  
IT WAS  
JUST..

..THAT SOME  
THINGS  
I COLLECTED..

HE'S SO  
SWEET..

..WE'RE ALMOST  
THROWN AWAY,  
THAT'S ALL.



YEAH..  
UML..

IT'S  
NO-  
THING  
BIG.



OH  
YEAH

THE TRUTH IS, I  
WAS JUST TOO  
NERVOUS  
TO SEE  
MOMO-KUN!

HEARING  
YOUR  
VOICE...

...THAT I  
REAAAAALLY...

...CHEERS  
WE  
RIGHT  
UP!

...LIKE  
MOMO-KUN.

...WH-

G  
GEEZ,  
KURI  
HARA-  
SAN,  
CUT IT OUT!

YOU'RE  
EMBRACE-  
BASSING  
ME HERE!

EH  
HEH  
HEH!

AND NOW...

KURI-  
HARA-  
SAN...

HEARING  
MOMO-KUN  
LAUGH.

...HAS MADE ME  
A LITTLE LESS  
NERVOUS.

YOU'RE A  
COLLECTOR  
AT HEART

YOU'RE  
ALWAYS  
HOLDING  
ONTO  
THINGS AS  
KEEPSAKES,  
AREN'T  
YOUR

WH-  
HUH!

BUT...

YOU  
KNOW...

IT  
REMINDS  
ME...



...I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL  
TOMORROW, WHEN I CAN  
SEE YOU AGAIN!

LET'S PUT THIS...

...BACK TO NORMAL!









AT THE  
MO-  
MENT...



I SEEM TO BE  
WITNESSING  
SOMETHING  
OUTRAGEOUS.

EP33: SHARED SECRET

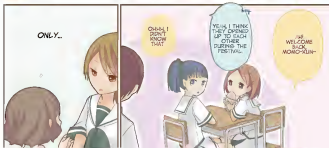
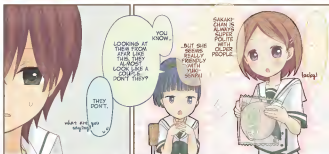
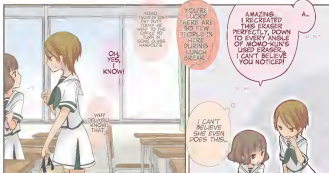
SENPAI...



RIO-  
CHAN!

HE'S GOING  
TO CATCH  
YOU ONE OF  
THESE DAYS.





HEHE...

I REALLY  
WONDER  
ABOUT THAT.

I'M PRETTY  
SURE THOSE  
TWO...

...KNEW EACH  
OTHER  
BEFORE THEN.



OHAYO!

SEE  
YOU  
LATER  
TODAY!

HEY, SURCHARD! WAN  
NAW TO HAV  
OUTSIDE?  
IT'S BECAZ YOU!



ON  
THE WAY  
HOME  
FROM  
THE POOL  
DAY...

I HAD A  
FEELING...





pretty dancing  
in a way

WOW, NORI!  
SENPAI  
HARSH  
THINGS  
JUST ROLL  
OFF YOUR  
TONGUE SO  
NATURALLY!

SO MOMO-  
KUN'S  
UNUSUALLY  
PENSE.



as i guess he thinks  
she's a girl who likes  
beachwear?

HIM?  
SOMETIMES  
WE SEE  
KURU-SENPAI  
HANGING BY THE  
GUYS' TOILETS,  
AND HE WAS LIKE,  
"IS SHE INTER-  
ESTED IN WHAT  
GOES ON IN  
THERE?"

THAT'S A  
REALLY WEIRD  
MORNING-  
STAYING.  
PLEASE CLIMB  
IT UP, PLEASE.



DOES SHIZUKA-  
KUN NOT  
NOTICE  
TOO?

YEAH, SOMETIMES  
SHE COMES TO  
SEE HIM JUST  
NORMALLY  
DURING BREAKS.  
BUT SOMETIMES  
SHE'S, LIKE,  
HIDING. ALWAYS  
BEEN CURIOUS  
ABOUT THAT.



OH  
REALLY??

...WELL...  
I GUESS  
IT'S SOME-  
THING LIKE...  
PRAYING

IS THAT ALL  
HE'S SEEN?

WHY DOES SHE  
SPY ON HIM  
WHEN SHE'S HIS  
GIRLFRIEND,  
ANYWAY?



I MEAN, I'M NOT GONNA RAT HER OUT TO MOMO OR WHATEVER.

IS SHE BUTTERING ME UP?

...



HEY...

YOU'RE A PRETTY NICE GUY, SAWAGUCHI-KUN.

I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T ASK YUKI HERSELF.



ACTUALLY

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT



OKAY, SO SHE'S JUST HARD TO READ.

Does she really mean that?

-you would?

LIKE I SAID, YOU SEEM LIKE A NICE GUY.

I KNOW?

?

I don't think...



WOULD BE  
HAPPY FOR  
THE ATTEN-  
TION, EVEN IF  
THE SHARE IT  
COMES IN IS  
A LITTLE  
WEIRD.

BEING A LITTLE  
LIKE MOND.



BUT THEN  
AGAIN, IT'S  
NOT LIKE  
IT'S MY  
BUSINESS,  
EITHER.

and how  
older girls  
used to want  
to keep it a  
secret.

I MEAN.

I DON'T  
THINK IT'D  
CAUSE A  
PROBLEM  
EVEN IF I  
SWITCHED  
TO HIM.



WOMO-KUN!  
LET'S GATHER UP OUR TRASH!



STRAW: MINE!









EP34: MY HEART'S HERE













I FIGURED  
YOU  
WOULDN'T  
LIKE SCARY  
THINGS.



I'M  
SURPRISED  
YOU WANT  
TO GO IN  
HERE.



YEAH...



HAUNTED  
HOUSES...

...DON'T  
SCARE  
ME.  
BUT, UH...

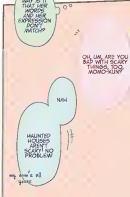


\* HAUNTED HOUSE

OH YEAH!  
I'M SO  
TREMABLY BAD  
WITH SCARY  
THINGS!

DO YOU GUYS WANT  
TO GO IN?  
I'LL GO WITH YOU!

WHY IS IT  
THAT HER  
WORDS  
AND HER  
EXPRESSION  
DON'T  
MATCH?



OH, UH, ARE YOU  
BAD WITH SCARY  
THINGS, TOO,  
MOMO-KUN?

NAH

HAUNTED  
HOUSES  
AREN'T  
SCARY NO  
PROBLEM

my  
eyes  
are  
all  
going





AM I GONNA FREAK  
OUT BECAUSE OF UM,  
SOMETHING ELSE?



KINDA WORRIED...





I SQUEEZED HIM.

...TOO TIGHT!

I WAS ONLY GOING TO HOLD ON VEEERY LIGHTLY...  
HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?

EP05: THE HEART'S HERE

H...

HANGING ONTO HIS ARM IS GREAT, BUT THERE'S ONE DRAWBACK.

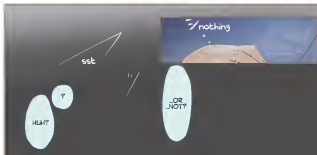
IF I KEEP DRAGGING HIM, HE'LL FALL OVER.

W-  
WOWO-  
KUNT! ARE YOU  
OKAY?!

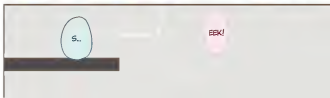
?!  
?



LET'S GO A LITTLE



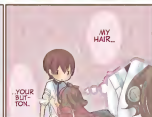
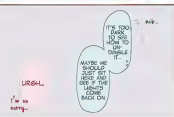
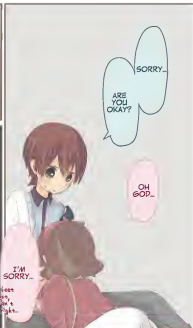
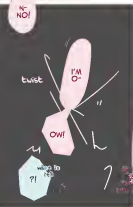






ARE YOU HURT?

NO!



think it's caught on it.





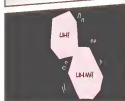
YOU CAN  
LEAN ON  
ME, YOU  
KNOW.

AH



HOLDING  
MYSELF  
UP LIKE  
THIS IS  
KIND OF...  
HARD...

Don't make  
yourself so  
tired, Nana.



YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE TO  
HOLD  
YOURSELF  
UP. IT'S  
OKAY.  
YOU CAN  
LEAN ON  
ME.

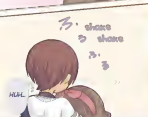
OH!

UHI  
UHIHI



...DON'T  
WANNAT







WE GOT  
DISCOUNT  
TICKETS OUT  
OF IT, SO I  
GUESS ALL'S  
WELL THAT  
ENDS WELL?

THEY  
SAID THE  
POWER WENT  
OUT IN THE  
HAUNTED  
HOUSE  
BECAUSE OF  
ELECTRICAL  
PROBLEMS,  
HLL?



ANYWAY...





IT'S SUNDAY!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE,  
SAMA-KUN?



WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
AT SCHOOL,  
YOURSELF  
SHIMADA?



ARE YOU  
LEAVING  
TOO?  
WANNA WALK  
TOGETHER?

I WAS HERE  
FOR SOME  
STUDENT  
COUNCIL  
STUFF. ON MY WAY HOME  
NOW.

OH  
YEAH?

YUKI-CHAN  
CAME TO  
CHEER ON  
RIO-CHAN AT  
PRACTICE!

she was  
so cool!

I was wondering  
why there were  
so many girls  
here on a  
sunday.



AHHL

YUP-  
CHAN,  
SHE...

...



RIO-  
CHAN'S IN  
A TEAM  
MEETING  
RIGHT  
NOW.

I WAS  
GONNA  
WAIT FOR  
HER TO  
GO HOME  
WITH  
HER...  
SO...

COOL  
BEANS.



HAD  
SOME-  
THING  
ELSE TO  
TAKE  
CARE OF?

Y..

YEAAH



WAAAY!

SEE YOU  
LATER



WHELP

SEE YA  
TOMORROW

TELL  
SAKAKI I  
SAID HEY











WHATCHA  
DOIN'?

EP36: CALLING YOUR NAME



ONE OF  
YULU-CHAN'S  
TEETH  
CAME OUT.  
WE'RE  
BURYING  
IT!



ah.  
HI,  
MOMO-  
CHAN.

YOU'VE  
NEVER  
HEARD OF  
THAT,  
MOMO?

WITH  
UPPER  
TEETH,  
YOU BURY  
THEM.  
WITH  
LOWER  
TEETH,  
YOU TOSS  
THEM  
ONTO A  
ROOF.

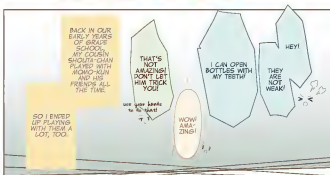
A LOCAL  
TRADITION

UWA,  
UWA!

IT'S A  
GOOD  
LUCK  
CHARM! SO  
THE TOOTH  
THAT  
GROWS  
BACK IN IS  
NICE AND  
STRONG!

HUH? HOW  
COME  
YOU'RE  
BURYING  
IT?

? ! !



I DECIDED  
MY BODY  
COULD USE  
SOME REST  
INSTEAD.

HIS REAL  
NAME IS  
SANA-  
SUCHI-  
RITO-  
KUN

RITO-  
KUN

THE COACH  
ISN'T HERE.  
WE'RE  
SUPPOSED  
TO PRACTICE  
OURSELVES,  
BUT  
WHATEVER.

UH-  
HUNT

DO YOU  
NOT HAVE  
TRACK  
PRACTICE  
TODAY?

EXCUSE  
MR.  
SHIMADA-  
SANN?

COME ON,  
ALWAYS  
RUNNING ON  
THE SAME  
TRACK IS  
BORING!

YOU AND  
YOUR SILLY  
EXCUSES!  
WE'RE IN  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
NOW!

ふはふは  
ふはふは

?

YOU'RE  
FRIENDS WITH  
SANA-SUCHI-  
KUN IN CLASS  
2, RIGHT?

YEAH.

I'll see  
you  
somewhere  
near my  
house  
this  
evening!

WHEN I WAS  
LITTLE, I  
COULDN'T  
SAY THE  
"Y" IN HIS  
NAME

SO EVEN IN  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL,  
I KEPT  
CALLING  
HIM  
RITO-KUN



HUH?

OH, NO!  
NO WAY!

UP  
LAWL

IS HE  
DATING  
ANY-  
ONE?



WOULD YOU  
MIND NOT  
CLINGING TO  
HIM SO MUCH,  
THEN?

SHE'S KNOWN  
MONO-KUN  
AND RITO-KUN  
SINCE BACK IN  
GRADE  
SCHOOL...

SHOUTA-  
CHAN IS  
YURU-CHAN'S  
COUSIN



SHE IS SO...

YOU'RE NOT  
HIS GIRL-  
FRIEND, IT'S  
WEIRD TO  
CALL A BOY  
BY HIS FIRST  
NAME IF HE  
HASN'T YOUR  
BOYFRIEND.

W-  
WAKA-  
CHAN!  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO BE  
THAT  
BLUNT!

and she acts  
really weird!



COME TO  
THINK OF IT,  
THERE WERE  
OTHER GIRLS  
WHO LIKED  
SANA-KUN,  
TOO.

BUT I DON'T  
THINK HE'S  
EVER GONE  
OUT WITH  
ANYONE.



A GIRL CAN ONLY  
CALL A BOY BY HIS  
FIRST NAME IF THEY  
HAVE A SPECIAL  
RELATIONSHIP.



THAT WAS THE "RULE"  
AT OUR MIDDLE  
SCHOOL.

HOW  
COME?

YUUKI-CHAN  
HAS TO  
CALL HIM  
THAT 'CZ  
SHE'S A  
GIRL...



HEY,  
YUUKI!

DID I HEAR  
YOU CALLING  
SHITO 'SANA-  
KUN' EARLIER?



Leave, it's  
open now

thanks.

YEAH...



BACK  
THEN, I  
THOUGHT  
THAT A  
NAME...

EVER  
SINCE I  
STARTED  
CALLING  
HIM  
"SAWA-  
KUN"...

WOULDN'T  
CHANGE  
ANYTHING.

...I FEEL  
KINDA  
AWKWARD  
WHEN IT'S  
JUST THE  
TWO OF  
US.

ACTUALLY...

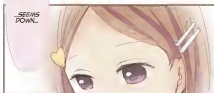
...I WAS GOING  
TO GO HOME,  
EARLIER.







YUZUKI...



SEEMS  
DOWN.



...JEEZ.

YOU'RE  
SHAKING  
AGAIN?

IT'S  
GOOD!

you eat too  
much junk  
food.

garden will  
share with you!

I HOPE IT WAS JUST  
MY IMAGINATION.

huh...

more croissants?

OKAY, WE'LL  
GO THERE.

REALLY?!  
YUKI-CHAN'S  
BEEN  
PRYING TO  
EAT THE NEW  
CROISSANTS  
AT THE  
BAKERY BY  
THE STATION!

HEY,  
YUZUKI!

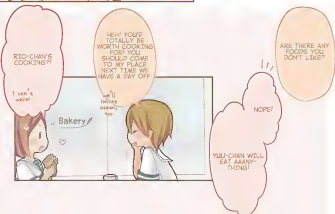
I'M PRETTY  
HUNGRY.  
WANT TO  
STOP SOME-  
WHERE ON  
OUR WAY  
HOME?

o  
o  
o

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OOOPS.

AND YOU  
DON'T  
EXACTLY SEE  
HER FOR  
WHO SHE  
REALLY IS,  
EITHER

I GUESS I'D  
SAY THAT SHE  
KEEPS  
HERSELF AT A  
DISTANCE, A  
LITTLE.



BUT..

NAH,  
IT'S  
OKAY

YOU  
MIGHT  
BE  
RIGHT...



THAT...

..WASN'T  
THE  
NICEST  
THING  
TO SAY.

O  
SORRY

YOU  
DO  
WANT  
TO  
TALK

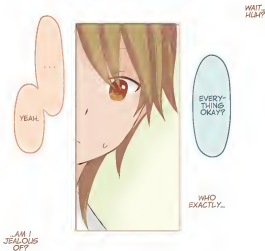


ACTUALLY,  
I THOUGHT  
YOU MIGHT  
BE A LITTLE  
JEALOUS.

YOU  
KNOW...

YOU  
REALLY PAY  
ATTENTION.





THE NEXT DAY

I THOUGHT THIS...

...WAS SO YU!



ARE YOU  
TRYING TO SAY  
I HAVE FROWNY  
EYES?





















NOT TO  
WORRY!  
MOMO-KUN  
IS JUST AS  
CUTE!

?!  
GET?



K.

KURI-  
HARA-  
SAN!





I GOTTA WONDER...

LIKE...

THIS IS  
GONNA  
SOUND  
PSYCHOTIC  
WHEN I'M THE  
ONE IN THE  
WRONG, BUT  
STILL...

KURIHARA-  
SAN...

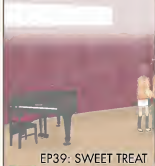
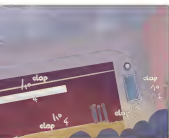


DOESN'T SHE  
EVER...

GET  
JEALOUS  
OVER ME?







secret 2!  
the 1st 1st case  
beyond a shadow!



I'M NOT  
TALKING  
ABOUT THE  
PHOTOS

IT'S A-OKAY!  
I BORROWED  
A TRIPPOD SO  
IT WON'T BE  
BLURRY!

it's  
perfect



EH! EH!  
I KNOW!

OKAY, YAO,  
YOU'RE IN  
CHARGE OF  
TAKING  
PHOTOS OF  
CLASS & A  
OUR CLASS.  
SO BE  
MINDFUL TO  
ACTUALLY  
GET  
OUR  
CLASSMATES IN  
THOSE,  
OKAY?

I WON'T  
MISS A  
PHOTO  
CHANCE!

ANYWAY  
GETTING TO  
BE READY  
WITH A  
CAMERA  
RIGHT OUT IN  
THE OPEN  
LIKE THIS IS  
THE BEST!

SHE'S SO  
HYPER  
RIGHT  
NOW.



TOP  
SECRET,  
UNTIL  
THE  
CONTEST.

IT  
TURNS

BY THE  
WAY,  
WHAT'S  
MONO-  
KUN'S  
COSTUME?

THE  
ANTICIPATION  
IS KILLING  
YOU,  
RIGHT?

WHEN I  
ASKED  
HIM, HE  
SAID...







MOMO-KUN'S SO KYUUUTE!

...LIEVABLE!

UNL... BE...

no, he's a miff.

POOR GUY LOOKS SO SHORT NEXT TO HER.

HE'S AN ANGEL!

IS THIS HEAVEN?!

LIVE-  
ABLE



LIVE-  
BLE



NOW THAT  
I LOOK AT  
HER, SHE'S  
SO CUTE



YUKI



THE CROWDS  
SO THICK.

...THAT I  
CAN'T  
GET ANY  
GOOD PHOTOS

WELL, THAT DID  
WIN FIRST  
PLACE IN AN  
INSTANT...



NEARBY  
RESPECT  
SOUND



...SHE'S  
NOT  
CHANGING  
OUT OF  
THIS

WHAT IF THIS  
WAKES MONO-  
KUN POPULAR,  
AND STARTING  
TOMORROW  
HE WON'T  
HAVE TIME FOR  
YOU ANY  
MORE?

WHAAAT?





YEAH...

IS SO  
WONDERFUL  
THAT  
EVERYONE  
LIKES HIM.

MY  
PRECIOUS  
MOMO-  
KUN.







OKAY, NOW  
PLEASE KISS  
MOMOTSUKI'S  
NECK, LIKE  
A VAMPIRE  
SUCKING BLOOD!



WAIT,

WHAT?!

LET ME TAKE  
A PARTY  
SHOT!



CONGRATS  
ON THE WIN,  
KAKU!

THIS SENPAI  
FROM THE  
NEWSPAPER CLUB  
ALWAYS STARTS  
ASKING FOR CRAZY  
THINGS. OH, SHE  
GETS IN THE ZONE.

SHE GOES  
FROM SILENT  
TO TALK  
REALLY FAST.

SHE'S LIKE THIS  
AFTER TENNIS  
MATCHES, TOO.

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO TAKE EVERY  
SINGLE PICTURE  
SERIOUSLY.

M-  
MOMO-  
TSUKI!

ISN'T THAT THE  
BEST POSE FOR  
A VAMPIRE?!

WAIT,  
I DON'T...

plea

SHOT IT.



THE  
PHOTOGRAPH  
DON'T  
LAST  
AS LONG  
AS  
THE  
ORIGINAL  
PHOTOGRAPH.





IT'S LIKE SHE'S WATCHING...

...BUT MISSING SOMETHING...



WHAT GIVES?



WHY...?

DOESN'T  
KURIMARA-SAN  
GET...

SORRY

SA~  
RAKI.



HOMO-  
TSUKI?

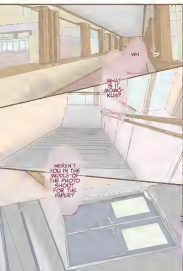


YOU  
GOT  
THE  
REST  
OF  
THIS!

shuffle

shuffle

HEY!





WHY WOULD  
MOMO-KUN!

LISTEN,  
KIRI-  
HARA-  
SAN!

ARE YOU  
REALLY  
LOOKING  
AT ME?

AND...

DO YOU  
REALLY  
LIKE ME?

YES..!

YES  
YOU  
MOMO!

TH...

PULL US OUT  
LIKE THIS?

THEN...

YOU  
COULD  
BE...

A  
LITTLE  
J...

JEAL-  
OUS,  
YOU  
KNOW.

..AH

..HMM!

AH...!







SO LET  
ME SAY  
SOME-  
THING.

L  
I'LL GIVE  
YOU THIS.



YETH!

L.

..LIKE  
YOU,  
YUKI.

# COSTUME FITTING





"WE'RE HOME! THERE'S MONEY ON THE TABLE!"

BOTH MY PARENTS HAVE WORKED SINCE I WAS LITTLE, SO MOST OF THE TIME I'M HOME ALONE.

## EP40: CONFESSION

MY PARENTS ARE VERY PARTICULAR, SO IF THEY TRY TO TAKE PHOTOS DURING OUR FAMILY VACATIONS, THEY END UP GOING COMPLETELY INTO WORKING MODE.

MY MOM IS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF A MAGAZINE, AND MY DAD'S A PHOTOGRAPHER. OUTSIDE OF THE MAGAZINE WORK, THEY ALSO WRITE BOOKS.

I TOTALLY RESPECT THAT MY PARENTS PUT THEIR HEARTS INTO CAREERS THEY LOVE, BUT...

SO WE HAVE A FAMILY RULE: NO PHOTOGRAPHY OUTSIDE OF WORK.





COMING FROM A FAMILY  
WHERE MY PARENTS PUT  
THEIR CAREERS FIRST...

I LIKE YOU,  
MOMOTSUKI-KUN!

PLEASE GO OUT  
WITH ME!



I WAS HAPPY THAT  
THERE WAS SOMEONE  
WHO PAID SO MUCH  
ATTENTION TO ME.



OH-HI  
MAN,  
I JUST  
BLURTED  
THAT  
OUT.

enter  
reading...

LAST TIME:

I GAVE  
HER MY  
LOLLIPOP.





YEAH, RIGHT, I'VE NEVER SEEN MOMO SNAP.

THEY SEEMED A LITTLE OFF. YOU DON'T THINK THEY HAD A FIGHT, DO YOU?



THOUGHT YOU WERE DRESSED AS A MAN.

OH!

WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, HE DOES SEEM LIKE HE'D ACCEPT JUST ABOUT ANYTHING.



SPEAKING OF HIM, THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN GONE A WHILE...

WELL...

WE ENDED UP HIKING THAT GUY. GUESS IF SEEMED LIKE MOMO WOULDN'T DO IT.

COULDA BEEN FUN TO HAVE THEM BOTH CROSS-DRESS.







...MAKES MY  
HEART RACE EVEN  
MORE...

I THOUGHT MY  
HEART WAS  
POUNDING WHEN I  
TOLD HIM HOW I  
FELT...

BUT HEARING IT  
FROM HIM...

YEAH?

MOMO-KUN  
L



M-  
M-  
M-  
AL

MOMO-KUN  
WAS SO  
HONEST  
WITH ME...

?



??



HAVE TO  
TALK

I HAVE TO BE  
HONEST...

I LIKE YOU SO  
MUCH THAT I  
SECRETLY  
COLLECT...

THE  
THINGS  
YOU  
TOUCH  
AND  
USE!!

LIKE, JUST  
NOW I WAS  
THINKING  
ABOUT  
KEEPING  
THIS HAND-  
KERCHIEF  
FOREVER!!

I'm sorry!!



?

HUH?

HUH?



WHIAH?

AND I FEEL  
LIKE I'M  
ABOUT TO  
HAVE A  
NOSE-  
BLEED...

...WAIT,  
WAIT,  
WAIT...

SORRY

UH,  
COULD  
YOU SAY  
THAT  
ONE  
MORE  
TIME?



BOYS ARE WOLVES





DOES  
KURTHARA-  
SAN LIKE  
HIDING  
IN THE  
SHADOWS?

THERE'S  
SOME-  
THING I'VE  
BEEN  
CURIOUS  
ABOUT FOR  
A WHILE.

SPECIAL EP: IN MOMOTSUKIKUN'S CASE

\*THIS CHAPTER IS EP132 AS TOLD  
FROM MOMO-KUN'S POINT OF VIEW!



I GET THIS  
FEELING  
THAT  
LATELY...

bing

bong

I'VE BEEN  
THINKING  
ABOUT HER  
MORE

HANDOUTS  
YOU GONNA  
TAKE YOURS?

gah... that  
is real nice  
gah huh?

WOOD  
NO-  
CHAI



BUT...

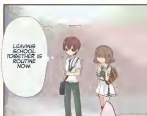
OH  
YEAH

SEEMED LIKE  
YOU GOT  
SUPER BUSY  
IN THE  
SECOND  
HALF OF  
VACATION.

HAS  
EVERY-  
THING  
CHANG?

SOME-  
TIMES...

AH!



LEAVING  
SCHOOL  
TOGETHER IS  
ROUTINE  
NOW

WHEN SHE'S  
LIKE THAT...

SHE MAKES  
THIS REALLY  
FLUSTERED  
FACE.



FAMILY  
SHUFF!

F...



"SHUFF!"

SHE FEELS  
KIND OF  
REMOTE



SO I TRY  
NOT TO  
PRY INTO  
IT...

BUT...

I REALLY  
GOTTA  
WONDER

OH  
GUY.

SHE'S  
OBVIOUSLY  
HIDING  
SOMETHING  
FROM ME.

KURIHARA-  
SAN.

WHEN SHE'S  
TRYING TO  
DODGE SOME-  
THING, SHE  
GETS ALL  
WORKED  
UP AND  
MISPEAKS.

NOPE.

YOU  
DON'T  
THINK  
THAT  
YOU/  
DON'T  
THINK  
THAT?

OHAYO

IS  
PRACTICALLY  
SPELLED OUT  
IN THEM, SO  
IT'S NOT  
LIKE SHE'S  
UNHAPPY WITH  
ME OR  
SOMETHING.

ONLY...  
IN KURIHARA-  
SAN'S CASE,  
WHEN I  
LOOK IN HER  
EYES...



OH  
CRAP!

MY FINGERS  
MUST HAVE  
SLIPPED AND  
CALLED  
KURIHARA-  
SAN!



...TO TALK TO  
HER ON THE  
PHONE



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YUP...

EVEN I HAVE  
A COUPLE  
THINGS I'D  
RATHER SHE  
NOT KNOW.

DID YOU  
MAKE IT  
HOME  
ALREADY?

YOU  
CAN  
TALK,  
RIGHT?

IT'S  
PERFECTLY  
FINE!

OH  
YEAH  
UH  
SORRY, I  
DIDN'T  
ACTUALLY  
HAVE A  
REASON  
TO CALL?

RIGHT...

BUT...

IF THERE'S  
ANYTHING  
SHE'S  
WORRIED  
ABOUT...

I JUST  
WANTED  
TO CHECK  
IN ON  
YOU

YOU JUST  
SEEMED A  
LITTLE  
OFF  
TODAY.

GREAT.

WAS  
EVERY-  
THING  
OKAY AT  
HOME  
OVER  
VACA-  
TION?

I WISH  
SHE'D COME  
TO ME

SO SHE'S AS  
NERVOUS  
AS ME.

GEEZ...

THAT'S  
YOU

UM-?



SO WHAT IF  
KIRIHARA-  
SAN'S HIDING  
SOMETHING?

THAT'S  
TOTALLY  
NORMAL.

I WONDER WHAT SHE MEANT BY "FAMILY STUFF"



YEAH IT WAS JUST...

THAT SOME THINGS I COLLECTED WERE ALMOST THROWN AWAY

THAT'S ALL

OH YEAH



I DO HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I WAS KINDA WORDED OUT AT FIRST WHEN SHE ASKED ME FOR THAT PEN I BROKE.

AND IT DID HAVE A "SUITS" MARBLET CHARACTER TOPPER

NOT IT FROM MY MOM

KUDE-HADA-  
SAN YOU'RE ALWAYS HOLDING ONTO THINGS AS KEEP-SUITS, AREN'T YOU?

YOU'RE A COLLECTOR AT HEART

UH-HUH



COLLECTING ALL SORTS OF THINGS.



BUT SHE  
ENDED UP  
MAKING  
ME HAPPY  
INSTEAD...

I WANTED  
TO  
CHEER  
HER UP...



JEEZ  
KURI-  
HARA-  
SAN,  
CUT IT  
OUT.

YOU'D  
BETTER  
KISS  
ME  
HARD!

EH  
HEH  
HEH!



# もも☆る 3

MONOMORI!

THANK YOU SO MUCH  
FOR PICKING UP  
VOLUME 3.

I'M KUROSE.

I'M SURE SOME OF YOU  
HAVE ALREADY WATCHED  
THE ANIME VIA THE APP,  
BUT NOW THE ANIME WILL  
BE PLAYING VIA THE  
AIRWAVES, TOO.  
I'M SO GRATEFUL.

I HOPE YOU'LL SUPPORT  
THE TV ANIME, TOO!

- KUROSE

## SEND YOUR FAN LETTERS TO:

SHINJI KUROSE, DEPARTMENT "FAN LETTERS" CLERK  
MONOMORI BOOKS  
ORANGEWOOD HILLS WEST TOWER PLAZA 2200  
ORANGEWOOD TOWNSHIP  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. 55425

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